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## Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products March 2014

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary March steel imports were **\$2.8 billion (2.9 million metric tons)** compared to the preliminary February totals of \$2.6 billion (2.9 million metric tons).

The March change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected decreases primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs. Increases occurred primarily in reinforcing bars, cold rolled sheets, and line pipes. Decreases occurred primarily with Brazil. Increases occurred primarily with Germany, Turkey, and Canada.

The year to date final statistics through February 2014 showed steel imports of 5.9 million metric tons compared with 4.6 million metric tons through February 2013. The largest commodity increase occurred primarily in blooms, billets and slabs. Decreases occurred primarily in line pipe, hot rolled bars, and standard pipe. The largest country increase occurred primarily with Russia. Decreases occurred primarily with Germany, Australia, and Argentina.

### Notes:

**The data in this report are preliminary and subject to revisions.**

*Analysis of recent months for steel product imports indicates the value of preliminary data should equal about 96 percent of the final value reported in the regular monthly trade statistics report. Preliminary data reported for individual steel categories and at the individual country of origin level have been less consistently predictive of the final data reported in the regular monthly trade statistics. For further details, visit the Foreign Trade Division web site at [www.census.gov/trade](http://www.census.gov/trade). On the website, you can access product by country and country by product tables.*

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